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SUBJECT: ALLIES PROTEST SENAT'S FAILURE TO CONSULT

REF: STATE 122117, BERLIN 0953, BERLIN 964

1. AT JUNE 10 MEETING WITH SENAT CHANCELLERY DIRECTOR HERZ, ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS PROTESTED RECENT FAILURE OF SENAT TO CONSULT WITH ALLIES BEFORE TAKING ACTIONS IN RELEASING ARABS AND IN BRUECKMANN CASE, BOTH OF WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT ALLIED INTERESTS.

2. U.S. LIAISON OFFICER MADE POINTS CONTAINED STATE REFTTEL. THAT SENAT BY RELEASING TWO ARAB TERRORISTS ENCOURAGED ADDITIONAL TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND THAT SENAT ACTION COULD WEAKEN SUDAN'S FIRMNESS IN DEALING WITH DEFENDANTS AT KHARTOUM TRAIL.

3. BRITISH LIAISON OFFICER ADDED THAT SENATOR FOR JUSTICE KORBER'S HANDLING OF PRESS, WHICH STRESSED FEAR OF POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTEMPTS TO FREE PRISONERS DURING WORLD SOCCER MATCHES AS MAJOR REASON FOR SENAT DECISION, COULD ENCOURAGE FURTHER TERRORISM.

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4. HERZ ACCEPTED PROTESTS SAYING THAT HE AGREED THAT

ALLIES SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE AND THAT HE
HIMSELF HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED UNTIL AFTER ARABS WERE RE-
LEASED. HE AGREED WITH CRITICISM OF KORBER'S HANDLING
OF PRESS AND SAID REMARKS TO PRESS SHOULD HAVE BEEN
RESTRICTED TO DESCRIBING LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DECISION.KLEIN

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